



MAINE Adult Education

Learning for Work and Life



With nearly 119,000 enrollments at an average cost of only \$193 per enrollment, Maine Adult Education is an affordable option for education and re-training, helping ensure that all Mainers are prepared for college, career and life — even during tough economic times.



Adult Education has given me a second chance!

"Last year the mill shut down. I had worked 30 years without getting laid off. Many places I applied to required a college education for the same jobs I had been doing all along.

I am lucky to have found adult education; I've gotten individual help that I wouldn't have gotten anywhere else.

Now I'm looking forward to enrolling in a community college which will give me the education I need to go with all of my experience. I'm very grateful for adult education and I hope more people use it to get the education they need."

~ Bob

Maine Adult Education Program Areas

High School Completion: The GED program includes pre-testing, instruction and testing for high school equivalency. The adult high school diploma program provides the opportunity for individuals to complete their graduation requirements at their local high school.

16,621 enrollments

*3140 high school credentials awarded (739 diplomas and 2401 GEDs)
The number of GEDs awarded to those over 20 increased by 27%*

Literacy & Family Literacy: Through classroom instruction or tutoring, this program area teaches the basic reading comprehensive and numeracy skills necessary to function in our literate community. Programming areas include English as a Second Language and Family Literacy, an approach integrating early childhood and adult education and parenting skills.

14,136 enrollments

College Transitions: Maine College Transitions, in partnership with community colleges and the university system, offers high-quality, cost-effective and accessible pathways to post-secondary education for adults. Offered through local adult education programs in all 16 counties, College Transitions includes career planning, assessment, college experience, tracking and follow up, and instruction in college preparation coursework.

4,424 enrollments

Business & Skills Training: These programs are designed to meet the needs of individuals seeking to gain employment or small businesses in need of training programs for their workers. Common programming areas include computer technology, hard trades, allied health and retail sales and customer service.

21,402 enrollments

Personal Enrichment: Designed to meet the lifelong learning needs of adults and their communities, these activities vary in response to the unique needs of each community, ranging from foreign language, to wellness and exercise, to a wide variety of skill and craft classes. The courses are housed in public schools but all instructional and material costs are borne by the learners.

62,353 enrollments

Total Enrollments 118,936

Simply put, without adult education, many of our citizens would not have a viable option for an education or the vocational training they need to succeed in life.



“The College Transition program at SAD 61/72 has helped me accomplish more than I imagined. The instructors have been there every step of the way answering every question and guiding me in the right direction to fulfill my dreams.”

~ Barbara



“Having come from Utah where there aren’t nearly the resources we have here, I am grateful for Maine Adult Education. Thanks to Adult Education and College Transitions, I am a college graduate supporting myself and my family.”

~ Nova



“Adult Education is amazing. They have helped me realize what skills I have, and helped me polish those skills. They have also helped me with career exploration and networking. I don’t know where I would be without Adult Education.”

~ Timmy

Adult Education FUNDING

Sources	FY 2009
State Funding	\$4,932,404.43
Local Share	\$9,852,315.81
Federal ABE Grant.....	\$1,516,357.29
College Transitions	\$761,106.37
Local Contracts	\$624,973.57
Other Contracts	\$723,608.71*
Fees from Subsidizable Courses	\$1,372,552.84
Fees from Enrichment Courses	\$2,360,856.01
Other - All Sources.....	\$872,021.89**
TOTAL.....	\$22,016,196.92

* Contracts for educational services with DHHS, DOL & other state agencies

** Other federal grants (e.g. Even Start Family Literacy), grants from private organizations

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